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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As a member of the Alabama House of Representatives, I appreciate the many issues you and your fellow commissioners address on a daily basis, especially considering the fast pace of change in technology and its impact on our citizens.

That as a given, I would like to respectfully urge caution as the FCC addresses rulemaking about network neutrality. The marketplace in the wireline and wireless industry has been a shining example of how the consumer wins when there is less regulation and more competition. I believe investment and innovation are at risk if the FCC intends to expand the network neutrality framework in this economic sector.

Advanced infrastructure investments are still being made in my district helping to improve the quality of life of my constituents. Considering the frailty of our current economy, implementing more government and more regulation into what seems to be a very dynamic working sector of our economy would have unintended negative consequences.

I appreciate your efforts and leadership in this very complicated issue and hope you will give strong consideration in not over regulating this thriving part of our economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Harper".

Alan Harper